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# Thousands of evacuees head home

Police close in on fire's origin, quell fears of looting

By JENNIFER TAPLIN  
Metro Halifax

Police are closing in on the origin of the massive brush fire that resulted in the evacuation of around 5,000 people over the weekend.

RCMP Cpl. Joe Taplin told reporters outside Cole Harbour Place, one of the shelters for evacuees, that forensic teams are working on determining the source of the blaze.

"We believe the fire possibly originated on the north side of Highway 7, which would be in the O'Connell (school) area," he said.

Taplin wouldn't release any additional details since they are still actively investigating.

Good news that most of the 5,000 people evacuated would be allowed back into their homes was an enor-

mous relief for evacuees who were waiting for word last night.

By mid-afternoon it looked like RCMP were only going to allow residents of the Wonderland trailer park back into their homes, but several hours later officials were satisfied the conditions were good enough to lift most of the restrictions.

In an interview yesterday afternoon, Taplin said four people tried to sneak into the evacuated area

over the weekend and were arrested by the RCMP.

"Just to put people at ease, police are making patrols and if you are inside that area, you will be arrested and removed. That's to protect your property and the firemen working there."

Taplin also put looting rumours to rest and said the area is well patrolled by officers and also heavily travelled by firefighters.

Premier Rodney MacDonald visited the evacuees in Cole Harbour yesterday afternoon and said all the resources required will be avail-

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**« We believe the fire possibly originated on the north side of Highway 7, which would be in the O'Connell (school) area. »**

RCMP Cpl. Joe Taplin



A plane drops water over the forest fire near Lake Echo yesterday. Fire crews spent yesterday battling the three-day blaze.

able, no matter the cost.

"If it's in the hundreds of thousands or goes beyond that, we'll make sure those dollars are there for those people and make sure the fire is contained."

Air assistance from New Brunswick as well as Newfoundland and Labrador and Quebec were dumping water on the fire all weekend.

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**Teen held, assaulted, police say**

13-year-old girl among four people charged

By PAUL MCLEOD  
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Halifax Regional Police say a 14-year-old girl was held against her will in a Dartmouth home Saturday and assaulted by five people she knew. Now four people including a 13-year-old girl face charges while police still search for one suspect.

The girl was struck in the head with an unknown object and then assaulted by all five people as she was forcibly confined in the Marilyn Drive home Saturday afternoon. The girl received numerous injuries to her face and arms.

She was taken to the Dartmouth General Hospital Saturday, where she was treated and released.

The four accused include a 13-year-old girl and three males aged 15, 17 and 18. Police are still looking for a female youth.

Police did not say how the victim escaped the home, but did say she was the one who later called police.

The three suspects were arrested in Dartmouth on Saturday evening.

The accused face charges of unlawful confinement, aggravated assault, assault with a weapon, assault causing bodily harm, uttering threats and mischief. The 17-year-old was also charged with breaching an undertaking.

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# Loss of home hits hard

Family bought and lost house on a Friday the 13th

By JENNIFER TAPLIN  
Metro Halifax

Clive Jones was picking out kitchen flooring just before he got the call that he shouldn't bother: Their house was consumed by a wall of fire.

If he was superstitious he might have known, since they moved into the house on a Friday the 13th and it was destroyed over 10 years later on another Friday the 13th.

The news from the deputy fire chief was hard to hear.

"There were 20 seconds of silence followed by 'you're joking' which of course he wasn't," Clive said.

"The jokes we made with friends in Sackville over a barbecue and a couple of beers came true."

A 30-metre wide wall of fire with flames 12 metres high attacked the house on Candy Mountain Road from the brush behind. Nothing is standing except for the chimney and the foundation wall, but the family is hoping to be escorted into the evacuation area to see the

damage themselves.

"We're going to sift through the wreckage to see if there's anything there at all of a life we had before," he said.

Only one other house has been destroyed, and it's two houses down from them. Clive said coincidentally they were deciding between those two particular houses when they moved into the neighbourhood a decade ago.

"So no matter which one we bought, we'd be in the same boat today," he said.

His wife, Kim, was the last one to see the house. Their 27-year-old daughter Faye also lived there.

At the time Kim thought she was just being evacuated, so she closed the windows, grabbed her medication, and for some reason snagged her grandmother's wedding ring too.

"I keep beating myself up because there are loads of things that you could have grabbed, but you just didn't think about it," she said.

The situation is surreal and won't really set in until they see the rubble, she added.

"That happens to other people," said Clive. "Today we're other people."

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Evacuated residents from the Lake Echo and Porters Lake area listen to a forest fire update given by local police and fire officials at a shelter in Cole Harbour Place, yesterday. Over 5,000 people were evacuated after a forest fire threatened their homes on Friday.

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## Evacuees able to retrieve pets

Animals had been alone since Friday

By JENNIFER TAPLIN  
Metro Halifax

As day three dawned, hundreds of fire evacuees were really worried about their pets left behind.

"That's been one of our biggest issues is pets because people haven't been able to get home since Friday when they left work," said Ancel Langille of the Red Cross yesterday.

So when RCMP announced yesterday morning they would escort people into the evacuated area to retrieve pets and grab their medication, there was a lot of relief.



Reta Marcotte, right with the United Animal Nations, gives Max some water as his owner Alex Starr helps out. Starr and her family managed to leave with their dog and iguana before their Lake Echo home was evacuated.

Amy Banks left five cats and two kittens at home in the Wonderland trailer park.

"I'm worried about them because we haven't been home to check on them with the heat and the windows

closed," she said.

With iguana, dog, and kids, Alex Starr left her house on Friday.

"We live up behind the fire station, ironically, in Lake Echo," she said.

## Officer pushes car off tracks

Taking his life into his own hands, a Nova Scotia RCMP officer used his cruiser to push a damaged car out of the way of an oncoming train early yesterday morning, with only seconds to spare.

After they were notified of a single vehicle crash at around 2:20 a.m. on Highway 2 just south of Brookfield, N.S., officers from Colchester and Millbrook RCMP made their way to the site where they found the car was blocking the railway tracks.

The officers learned that a CN freight train was only minutes away.

"Const. Frank Deschenes of Northeast Nova Traffic Services, at great risk to himself, took his police car and was able to push the vehicle away with only 45 seconds prior to the train coming through," said a news release from Const. Fred Walker of the Colchester RCMP.

Deschenes' actions avoided a possible train derailment and saved lives, Walker said.

ROBYN YOUNG/METRO HALIFAX

## »news In Brief

» INVESTIGATION Halifax regional police have run up against a brick wall in the investigation of a suspected shooting at 12:30 a.m. Sunday. When they answered a shooting call at Canso Lane in Dartmouth,

they found a man with a small cut on his head who they believed was the intended victim of the shooting. He refused to cooperate with police, as did several witnesses.

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### blaze updates

» At this point, there is more smoke than there is actual fire; there are still larger areas burning, but they are fairly deep back in the brush. No residential areas are immediately affected at press time.

» 5,000 people were displaced from about 2,000 homes.

» 2,100 people have registered with the Red Cross.

» 600 people are at Cole Harbour Place, 19 people slept there over night.

» 2 homes destroyed.

» 200 firefighters were battling the blaze.

» 12 homes damaged, including sheds and vehicles.

» RCMP have escorted at least 50 people into evacuated areas in order to rescue pets and retrieve medication.

» EVACUATED AREAS:

» Highway 107, exits 17-19

» Highway 207

» Blue Rock Rd.

» Ponderosa Dr.

» Country Lake Road

» Highway 107 from exits 18-19

» Highway 107 will not be open on Monday June 16th for rush hour into the city (6-9 a.m.).

» STREET OPENINGS:

» Marjorie Drive

» George Drive

» Leslie Road (including Bastin Point Road and Heron View)

» Country Lake Road

» Highway 107 from exits 18-19

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» STREET OPENINGS:

» Ponderosa Drive off of Highway 207 will be open as of 8:00 p.m.

» Crowell Road will be open as of 9:00 p.m.; use Highway 207 to access this road.

» West Porters Lake Rd. will be open as of 9:00 p.m.; use Highway 207 to access this road.

» The check point at Highway 107, exit 17 will move back to exit 18 at 9:00 p.m. which means that exit 17 will be re-opened.

» Mineville will be open as of 9:00 p.m.

» Candy Mountain Road will be open as of 9:00 p.m.; power to homes on Candy Mountain Road has been turned off but there will be a NS Power truck on the street. Contact the truck driver to re-connect your power.

» Shoreline Road. will be open as of 9:00 p.m.

» All of Highway 7 will be open as of 9:00 p.m.

» SHELTERS:

» Cole Harbour Place

» Seaford Community Hall

» Cole Harbour United Church

» Premier Rodney

MacDonald encouraged victims of the fire to contact their MLA or his office to inquire about government funding programs.

» SCHOOLS:

Bell Park Academic Centre, Atlantic View Elementary and O'Connell Drive Elementary are closed today. Students who missed their high school exams will make arrangements with their principal to either have their marks prorated or reschedule the exam.

Hope you're not afraid of Spyders: The province will now allow a new type of motorcycle, called the Can-Am Spyder, on Nova Scotian highways. The Spyder has two wheels on the front and one rear wheel, designed for better stability. It's considered part snowmobile, part sports car.

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# Boudreau charges bring relief

Slain girl's mother to appear today in Bridgewater court

By ROBYN YOUNG  
Metro Halifax

Bridgewater residents breathed a sigh of relief yesterday after hearing the news Saturday that Penny Boudreau had been charged in the murder of her daughter Karissa.

"I was at a banquet last night and the chairperson got up and announced it," said Annette Chipman, who was enjoying a peaceful picnic with a friend along the LaHave River not far from where the 12-year-old girl's body was found Feb. 9.

"Everyone cheered," she

## frustration

» Two weeks ago Karissa's grandparents spoke to Metro about their grief and frustration over the length of the investigation.

"It's driving me crazy," said Suzanne Grear. "That's my granddaughter."

said.

The last time Penny Boudreau made a public appearance she tearfully pleaded for the girl to come home.

But today she will appear in Bridgewater provincial court to face charges of first-degree murder in Karissa Boudreau's death.

Sgt. Mark Gallagher with the RCMP said police are relieved to have finally had

the chance to lay charges.

"As time goes on ... there'll be a lot more clarity," he added.

At a press conference Saturday, RCMP officers and the Bridgewater police said they had arrested Boudreau in Halifax Friday evening.

"We do not expect anyone else to be charged in this case," said Bridgewater police Chief Brent Crowhurst.

Boudreau reported her daughter missing Jan. 27, telling police the last time she saw her was in the parking lot of the Bridgewater Sobeys.

She said she had argued with Karissa and then left her in the car while she picked up a few items in the store. When she returned, she said, Karissa was gone.



MAIN: PAUL DARDOW/REUTERS  
INSET: ROBYN YOUNG/METRO HALIFAX

Penny Boudreau, left, has been charged with the first-degree murder of her daughter, Karissa. Inset: A permanent plaque and memorial of Karissa sits at the site her body was found on the banks of the LaHave River Feb. 9

An extensive air, ground and water search ensued until a passerby found the young girl's frozen remains on the banks of the LaHave River and police confirmed Feb. 14 her death was the result of a homicide.

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## Breast cancer survivor says assistance not enough

Deborah Snow battled breast cancer and spent two years living on a boat in Halifax Harbour because she couldn't find affordable housing.

The 53-year-old Dartmouth woman says the \$535 she receives in social assistance for shelter doesn't cover the rent. Her rent for a one-bedroom on Windmill Road is \$605 plus heat and lights.

"I have to choose whether to have food or pay the electric bill, so I've been choosing to have food so I can build my strength up again," she said.

Snow told her story to Judith Ferguson, deputy minister of community services on Friday. Ferguson told Snow to contact her staff.

Snow said she's ineligible to apply for public housing because she owns two dogs — her constant companions through surviving breast cancer and poverty. Provincial public housing doesn't allow dogs in its high-rises, but one is permitted in row houses.

More than 1,000 people are on the waiting list for public housing in metro.

## MLAs warn of impending housing crisis

By LINDSAY JONES  
Metro Halifax

Housing affordability in metro is about to reach a crisis point, a legislative committee heard Friday.

New Democrat MLA Mari-

lyn More said the shelter allowance is too low and the rent is too high in the city.

"It's driving single men and women under 55 into rat-infested, bedbug-infested rooming houses," More said. "We're losing people every single day

to homelessness."

Community Services deputy minister Judith Ferguson said the Poverty Reduction Strategy will announce recommendations at the end of the summer to deal with the root causes of poverty.

More said that's great, but it shouldn't be an excuse not to help people who are suffering today.

Ferguson said clients in need should contact the Community Services Department. If it can't help, people may be referred to community groups.

NDP MLA Trevor Zinck said a "housing crisis" is looming next year, especially if Nova Scotia Power's proposed 12 per cent hike is approved.

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# Day with grand old Gus

City's most famous tortoise celebrates 86th birthday

By PAUL MCLEOD  
Metro Halifax

He's been kidnapped, he's broken out and he's entertained thousands of guests. Yesterday a large crowd of kids and parents gathered at the Museum of Natural History to wish Halifax's most famous turtle, Gus, a happy 86th birthday.

Gus came from humble beginnings — a roadside reptile house in Florida — when he was bought by a museum staff member and transported to Canada.

The gopher tortoise has seen his fair share of adventure — in the 1950s he was mysteriously kidnapped and vanished for two years.

Whoever took him apparently knew what they were doing, because when he reappeared he was in good health. There are also stories of Gus making a run for the



Three-year-old Quinn Matchett takes a look at Gus as the turtle celebrates his 86th birthday.

Halifax Public Gardens.

But those days are over. Now when Gus is out he's watched very closely.

At 86, Gus is the oldest recorded gopher tortoise in the world.

"There could be wild tor-

toises walking around who are older, but on record he's the oldest," said Heather McKinnon, assistant co-ordinator of Interpretation for the museum.

Sadly, because of loss of habitat, gopher tortoises are

threatened in the United States.

"We could never get another Gus," said McKinnon. "To transport an animal like that wouldn't be allowed anymore."

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## New fundraiser for cancer centre

Drive aims to collect \$2 million for expansion

SYDNEY — Lucky may not be the first word that comes to mind when describing someone battling breast cancer, but that's the word Shauna MacLean uses to describe herself.

"I am a lucky woman," she says. "It sounds funny, I know, but I consider myself a lucky person because I'm still here."

lion in the community to support an \$8-million centre expansion.

In October 2006, MacLean found a lump in her right breast and underwent a battery of tests, all of which came back negative.

Finally, in June 2007, the lump was removed. Within three weeks, her family doc-

tor broke the news — she had cancer. Just nine days later, MacLean had both breasts removed.

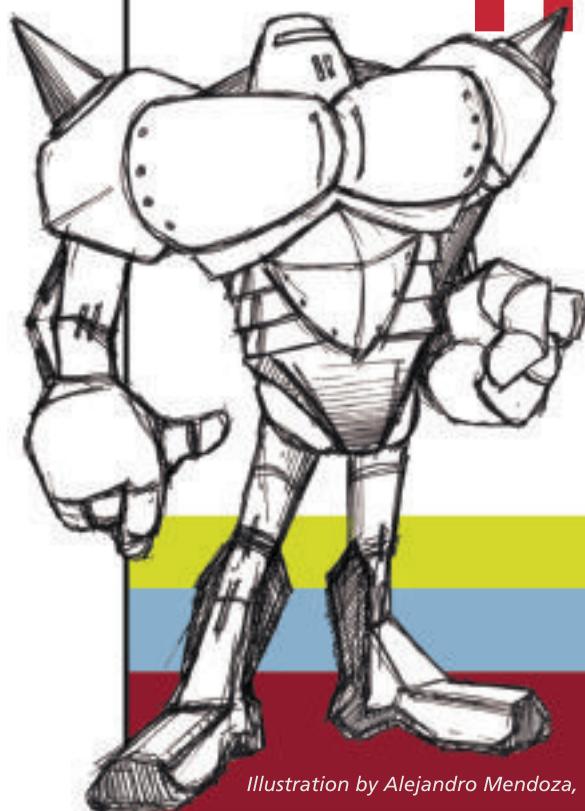
Having a local cancer

centre allowed MacLean to remain at home with the support of her family while undergoing eight months of treatment.

"Being able to be at home and something as simple as sleeping in my own bed was huge."

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# Experiencing the rare island view

Georges Island open to public over the weekend

By DEAN LISK  
Metro Halifax

Whoever said the best view of Halifax is from Dartmouth was wrong. The best view of both cities — and the entire harbour — is from Georges Island.

A few thousand visitors got the rare opportunity to not only experience the panorama, but also step on the usually off-limit island's windswept shore.

"I have always been intrigued by it," said Bedford's Barb Oakley. "It's the mystery."

Oakley took one of the transit ferries across the choppy harbour on Saturday to explore the historic site, which Parks Canada opened to the public on the weekend.

Making the \$14-per-person journey with Oakley were her three children and



A young woman poses for a photo against the Halifax skyline while visiting Georges Island on Saturday.

her two friends, Bob Nagy-obb and Susan Swan.

"It's here, you always see it, but you can't go on it — and that's a shame," said

Swan about the experience. "I didn't realize there was a fort on it. I am probably the only person who didn't know it, but I really didn't."

It was also an opportunity to remove some of the intrigue from the place. Long lines formed to venture inside the hilltop Fort Charlotte

and explore its tunnels — one of which is alleged to lead under the harbour to the Citadel.

For 63-year-old Dale

*It's here, you always see it, but you can't go on it — and that's a shame*

Susan Swan

Matthews Veinot, Saturday's trip to the island wasn't to crack its code, but to relive her own memories. Her father was the lighthouse keeper, and she lived there from 1946 to 1964.

"I remember being up here in Fort Charlotte and going through the tunnels and all that stuff," said Veinot, who brought a scrapbook and photo album with her. "There was no electricity. It wasn't too bad."

One thing she found hard to believe was the existence of a variety of garter snakes, which Parks Canada is said to have found on the island in the 1990s.

"There wasn't one when I lived here," Veinot said. "There were ants, but no snakes."

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Ontario Liberals thanked Premier Dalton McGuinty, left, for delivering their first back-to-back majorities in 70 years with a 95.4 per cent endorsement at the provincial convention in Ottawa over the weekend.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Tories mixing business, fundraising

Ministers splitting time while on trips funded by taxpayer

When Defence Minister Peter MacKay flew to British Columbia in January he split his time between government business and two Tory

fundraising gigs. Taxpayers footed the bill.

When then-Indian affairs minister Jim Prentice flew to Nova Scotia to meet with provincial chiefs, he headlined a Conservative fundraising dinner in Prince Edward Island. Taxpayers paid for the trip.

## fundraising success

In the first quarter of 2008, the Conservative party has raised \$5 million — outrunning both the Liberals and NDP with a dollar ratio of about five to one.

And when Fisheries Minister Loyola Hearn jetted off from a Quebec fisheries forum to attend a government meeting in Manitoba, he guest-

starred at a local Tory fundraising banquet.

The federal Conservatives — elected on promises to be squeaky clean — are using

government resources to help fill their election war chest.

Torstar News Service easily found 25 examples of Tory ministers mixing fundraising and business by comparing government expense records with Conservative party notices of fundraising events. Each trip typically cost tax-

players several thousand dollars, though complete costs are not disclosed.

Ministers maintain key government business was the reason for each journey. None provided proof of this, but some said the political events were just a happy coincidence.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## Research facilities lack funding

Two of Canada's world-leading research facilities are in trouble because the federal government won't pledge about \$8 million per year to keep them running — despite providing more than \$100 million to create them.

The facilities — Sudbury Neutrino Observatory (SNO) Institute and B.C.'s Neptune, the world's only cabled seabed observatory, due to begin op-

*« The nation has made a commitment ... now we have to follow through. »*

Martin Taylor, president  
Neptune's operating agency

erations next year — were on the verge of shutting down before being bailed out for two years this spring with emergency funds from federal and

provincial research agencies.

This tenuous existence makes it harder to retain top-notch researchers and plan long-term experiments, the facility heads told a Commons committee earlier this week.

"The nation has made a commitment ... now we have to follow through," said Martin Taylor, president of Neptune's operating agency.

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TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

Ottawa graffiti artist Lester Jollymore paints at the underpass at Ottawa's Brewer's Park during the sixth annual House of Paint event yesterday.

## Painting the city — legally

More than 500 attend Ottawa hip-hop event

By TRACEY TONG  
Metro Ottawa

Amongst the right circles, and done in a sanctioned space, hundreds of people in the city consider graffiti to

be artwork.

More than 500 people attended the sixth annual House of Paint at Ottawa's Brewer's Park underpass yesterday.

The event attracted almost 50 artists from across Ontario and Quebec, mostly from Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal, said Mike Mesa, graffiti coordinator for House of Paint.

Many of the artists have been painting for over 10 years, some for nearly 25 years, Mesa said.

"Graffiti has two sides to it — the vandalism side and the artists' side," Mesa said.

Mesa said police and the city have permitted artists to use the wall of the bridge in Brewer's Park as a way to curb other graffiti in the city.

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## Afghanistan

**MacKay calls for calm on border**

**PAKISTAN** Defence Minister Peter MacKay called yesterday for a diplomatic approach to growing tensions between Afghan and Pakistani officials.

MacKay spoke after Afghan President Hamid Karzai threatened to send troops into Pakistan to hunt Taliban militants if they pursued cross-border attacks into Afghanistan.

REUTERS

# Court rules for B.C. doctors

Transfusions given to sextuplets within reason: Judge

By ANDREW KING  
for Metro Halifax

A B.C. court has ruled that physicians acted within reason when they infringed upon the rights of two Jehovah's Witness parents by giving blood transfusions to four of

their sextuplets born in January, 2007.

The parents objected to the transfusions because of religious beliefs that prohibit such treatment.

"Freedom of religion is not absolute," wrote B.C. Supreme Chief Justice Donald Brenner in his reasons for judgment, released Friday. "While it is difficult to conceive of any limitations on religious beliefs, the same cannot be said of re-

« While it is difficult to conceive of any limitations on religious beliefs, the same cannot be said of religious practices »

B.C. Supreme Chief Justice Donald Brenner

ligious practices, notably when they impact on the fundamental rights and freedoms of others."

All four of the six babies who survived birth were taken into custody of the

province under the Child, Family and Community Service Act to have blood transfusions administered.

The lawyer for the parents argued that the transfusions were not necessary and as a

result the parents' rights had been breached.

However, a doctor who testified in favour of the government's case said that the babies' hemoglobin was well below safe levels.

"Given that each of the infants was returned to the care of its parents very shortly after receiving its blood transfusion, it is clear that this proceeding is moot," wrote Brenner.

## Alberta

**Chiropractor sued for over \$500M**

**LANDMARK** An Alberta woman who claims her chiropractor paralyzed her for life filed a lawsuit for more than half-a-billion dollars.

Sandra Nette alleges that a controversial "neck adjustment" performed by chiropractor Greg Stilles ruptured two arteries in her neck and caused strokes that left her paralyzed and unable to speak.

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## Victims honoured at Alberta picnic

By JEFF CUMMINGS  
Metro Edmonton

Dozens of balloons were released into the cloudy skies above Edmonton's Borden Park yesterday to remember those that lost their lives to foul play, including a young teenager who simply loved life, said her mother.

During an annual memorial barbecue to remember 13-year-old Nina Courtepatte, along with other homicide victims, Nina's mom Peacha Atkinson says the event gives her a chance to celebrate her daughter's life.

"This is our way of having

them with us for this one day and it gives us a chance to have a picnic with them because they are not here anymore," said Atkinson.

Local businesses donated hotdogs for the annual barbecue and funds were raised to support Nina's Dreams, a charity that helps aboriginal youths pursue their dreams and goals.

The fund also help victims' families with funeral costs.

Three out of five people charged have so far been convicted and sentenced for Courtepatte's death after she was raped and murdered on a golf course west of Edmonton.

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## visit

## Bush urges Brits not to leave Iraq

**ALLY** U.S. President George W. Bush arrived in Britain yesterday, urging his close ally not to withdraw forces from Iraq unless conditions on the ground allowed.

Bush said while the U.S. and Britain obviously wanted to bring their troops home from Iraq soon, it should be done "based upon success" and not arbitrary timetables.

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President says he'll send troops across border

Afghan President Hamid Karzai yesterday threatened to send troops into Pakistan to kill Taliban militants if they pursued cross-border attacks into Afghanistan.

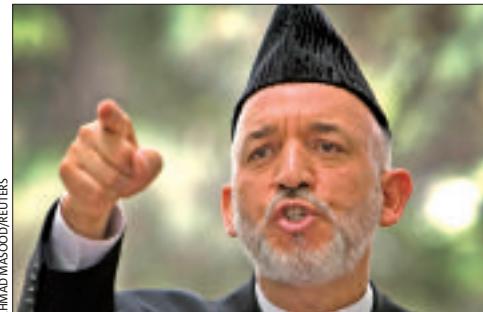
Pakistan said any action against militants on its soil would be undertaken only by its own forces.

Self-proclaimed Pakistani

Taliban leader Baitullah Mehsud and other Taliban officials in recent weeks have vowed to send fighters into Afghanistan to battle Afghan and foreign forces. "This means that Afghanistan has the right of self-defence," Karzai said.

Meanwhile, U.S.-led and Afghan forces killed more than 15 insurgents in a search for hundreds of prisoners, including Taliban, who broke out of jail after comrades blew up the gates, the U.S. military said yesterday.

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Afghan President Hamid Karzai threatened yesterday to send troops into neighbouring Pakistan to kill Taliban militants if they continue cross-border attacks into Afghanistan.

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## »news

## In Brief

» **CHINA** At least 55 people have been killed over the past 10 days in torrential rain and flooding across south China, and more gales and storms were expected in the coming days, the government said yesterday.

» **MIDEAST** U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said yesterday Israel's settlement building was harming peace negotiations with the Palestinians. After meeting Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas — who called settlements "the highest hurdle" to a deal with Israel — Rice said an agreement on creating a Palestinian state could be reached this year.

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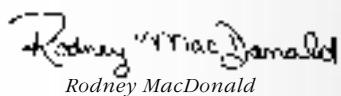
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# West warns Iran about nukes

Mideast nation not backing down

Western powers are warning Iran of more sanctions if it rejects an incentives offer and presses on with sensitive nuclear work, but the Islamic

Republic is showing no sign of backing down.

On Saturday, Iran again ruled out suspending uranium enrichment despite the offer by six world powers of help in developing a civilian nuclear program if it stopped activities the United States

and others suspect are designed to make bombs.

European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana said Iran should stop enrichment during negotiations on the offer, a precondition it has repeatedly rejected.

"There is determination

that if the Iranian regime rejects the latest offer ... that the consequence of the regime's decision will result in greater isolation," said Stephen Hadley, national security adviser of U.S. President George W. Bush.

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## Strike talks in South Korea

South Korean car, construction and other union workers threatened to halt work this week in anger at the policies of the president, on top of a truckers' strike that has slowed transport in the export-dependent country.

Lee Myung-bak, who stormed to a landslide vic-

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### disaster

**Record flooding kills four in Iowa**

**WEATHER** Officials moved paintings, books and documents out of harm's way yesterday as record flooding in parts of the Midwest partly submerged the University of Iowa campus in Iowa City.

Gov. Chet Culver said Iowa's losses were "massive," totaling in the billions of dollars, with 83 of 99 counties declared disasters and seeking federal aid. Four people have died in flood-related incidents — including a woman found in her flooded home in Cedar Rapids.

### Zimbabwe

**Mugabe vows to fight "sellouts"**

**VOTE** Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe was quoted yesterday as saying he would be willing to hand power to a ruling party ally when he was sure the country was safe from "sellouts" and from British interference.

But the state-run Sunday Mail newspaper said he gave no time-frame and again vowed to stop the opposition from ending his rule.

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### news

**In Brief** 

» **BUSH** U.S. President George W. Bush, scrutinized in books by former colleagues including a blistering critique by his ex-spokesman, is considering writing a memoir of his own. Bush has been silent on former spokesman Scott McClellan's book, which said the White House conducted a propaganda campaign to make its case to invade Iraq.

» **IRAN** Egypt sees Iran "on a surge" in the Arab world, playing many political and diplomatic cards regardless of Arab interests, Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit said.

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# business



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## G8 shrinks from plans to calm markets

The world's richest nations warned on Saturday soaring commodity prices may slice into economic growth, but shrank from offering any

### worries

» Most ministers appeared more worried about slowing growth in economies hit by a credit crisis than rising prices.

discussed in a meeting of G8 finance ministers in Osaka, Japan, after a string of tantalizing comments about a weak dollar's role in inflation. An Italian push for regulation to snuff out speculation in oil ran into U.S. and British resistance. **REUTERS**

plan to calm markets or quell protests over the cost of fuel and food.

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what it sees as unacceptably high fuel prices.

Riyadh plans to lift output to 9.7 million barrels per day in July,

## Saudis to pump more

King Abdullah tells UN chief oil prices too high



Saudi King Abdullah meets with Jordan's King Abdullah at Jeddah yesterday. The kingdom will host an unprecedented meeting of producers and consumers to tackle market instability.

550,000 bpd or over 6 per cent since May and would take Saudi crude output to its highest monthly rate since August 1981.

Saudi King Abdullah told Ban that Riyadh would do its

utmost to bring the price down.

But a higher daily rate of 9.7 million may not be enough to dent the price, said David Kirsch of Washington-based consultancy PFC En-

ergy.

"If they want to put pressure on prices they need substantial price discounts that would encourage greater stock building," he said.

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## Fed rate hikes not done deal

U.S. Federal Reserve interest rate increases are not a foregone conclusion this year despite tough talk on inflation, with a looming election and still-fragile economy that could well keep policy on hold.

Hawkish remarks by Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke last week helped to increase odds

of an August rate rise to better than 50/50. His comments reinforced other stern assurances from the U.S. central bank that it would not tolerate inflation.

Bernanke's call to arms was echoed by his second in command, Donald Kohn, who warned any slippage in long-

term expectations would be "troublesome." But in their comments, both also offered hints that they might not be in such a hurry to tighten monetary policy, given the U.S. economy is still recovering from the collapse of the housing market amid soaring energy prices.

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## Chavez picks loyal oil man

Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez ended days of speculation yesterday and named Ali Rodriguez, a trusted ally who has also served as head of state oil company PDVSA, to lead the finance ministry.

Rodriguez, who was a fighter in the Venezuelan guerrilla movement in the 1970s, is currently ambassador to close ally Cuba. He was once secretary general of OPEC and has served as foreign minister.

Venezuela is struggling with high inflation during an oil boom despite measures to cool the economy. Chavez refuses to cut public spending to fight inflation, and it is unlikely that Rodriguez will change that.

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### Google-Yahoo

## Microsoft seeks anti-deal support

**ENLIST** Microsoft Corp. sought on Friday to enlist support for its opposition to a new advertising collaboration deal between Google Inc. and Yahoo Inc.

One day after the companies announced an agreement allowing Google to sell search ads on Yahoo's website, Microsoft contacted advocacy groups that work to influence policy in Washington, saying the deal would "limit choices for advertisers and publishers."

**REUTERS**

### In Brief

» **STEPPING DOWN** Martin Sullivan, chief executive officer of American International Group, has stepped down after three years at the helm of the world's largest insurer, the company said yesterday.

» **PROTESTS** New roadblocks to stop grain trucks in Argentina from reaching port sprang up after police arrested farm protesters Saturday to free traffic on Highway 14 north of Buenos Aires, a major truck route between Argentina, Chile and Brazil. President Cristina Fernandez's controversial soy export tax triggered the protests in March.

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# sports



Dale Earnhardt Jr., left, won the NASCAR Sprint Cup Lifelock 400 yesterday at Michigan International Speedway ahead of Kasey Kahne.

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## Lakers prevent Celtics clincher

L.A. avoids repeat of huge Game 4 collapse

**LAKERS 103 CELTICS 98**

Kobe Bryant scored 25 points and, despite struggling after the first quarter, and with the Lakers squandering leads of 19 and 14 points, Los Angeles stayed alive with a 103-98 win over the Boston Celtics in Game 5 of the NBA Finals last night.

The Lakers overcame a 38-point performance by Boston's Paul Pierce, and trail three games to two in the best-of-seven set.

Lamar Odom scored 20 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, and Pau Gasol had 19 points and 13 boards for the Lakers, who nearly re-enacted their epic collapse in Game 4, when they led by 24 points in the first half only to lose, 97-91, and fall into a 1-3 hole in the series.

Derek Fisher added 15 points for

Los Angeles, which is trying to become the first team to win the NBA Finals after trailing three games to one. Teams trailing 3-1 are 0-28 all-time in the Finals.

Ray Allen scored 16 points on 4-of-13 shooting, and Kevin Garnett had 13 points with a game-high 14 rebounds while struggling with foul trouble.

The Celtics played without starting center Kendrick Perkins, who sat with a strained left shoulder. Point guard Rajon Rondo was limited to three points in just over 14½ minutes by a bone bruise in his left ankle.

The Celtics will get another chance to lock up the 17th title in franchise history, and the first since 1986, tomorrow in front of their hometown crowd. Boston is 12-1 thus far in the postseason on its home floor, where they won the first two games of this series.

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Boston Celtics star Kevin Garnett has his shot challenged by Lakers centre Pau Gasol last night during Game 5 of the NBA Finals in Los Angeles.



JEFF GROSS/GTY IMAGES

Tiger Woods reacts to his birdie putt on the 18th green to force a playoff with Rocco Mediate during the final round of the U.S. Open yesterday at the Torrey Pines in San Diego.

## Tiger forces Open playoff

Woods, Mediate to play 18 today

Tiger Woods, who has nursed a painful knee all week, rolled in a 15-foot birdie putt at the last yesterday to join fellow American Rocco Mediate in an 18-hole playoff today for the 108th U.S. Open.

Heavy favourite to win his 14th major title after going into the final round a stroke in front of the chasing pack, Woods looked skywards and pumped his fists after the putt dropped.

"It was a little wobbly down there," the world No. 1

### leaderboard

- » 283 Rocco Mediate
- Tiger Woods
- (Title to be decided in an 18-hole playoff today)
- » 284 Lee Westwood
- » 286 Robert Karlsson
- D.J. Trahan

told reporters of his putt, the first of any distance he made on the day as the greens became bumpier in the late afternoon.

"The putt was probably about two-and-a-half balls outside right and the green wasn't very smooth. I kept telling myself make a pure

stroke. I hit it exactly where I wanted to."

Mediate, who won the last of his four PGA Tour titles at the 2002 Greater Greensboro Classic, had led by a shot with one hole to play.

"You can't ever expect him to miss," the 45-year-old and world No. 157 said of Woods' last-gasp putt. "I will just have to get ready for a battle royale (today)."

The pair finished the 72 regulation holes at one-under-par 283 on a difficult afternoon of scoring on the South Course at Torrey Pines in the final round.

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(Boston leads series 3-2)

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#### MLB

##### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

##### INTERLEAGUE

Boston at Philadelphia, 8:05

N.Y. Mets at L.A. Angels, 11:05

Florida at Seattle, 11:10

Detroit at San Francisco, 11:15

##### NATIONAL LEAGUE

St. Louis at Philadelphia 6 (10 ings)

Atlanta at Colorado, 9:05

DETROIT 5 L.A. Dodgers 4

Florida 9 Tampa Bay 3

Kansas City 8 Arizona 3

L.A. Angels 2 Atlanta 0

Milwaukee 4 Minnesota 2

N.Y. Mets 4 Texas 2 (9in 2)

N.Y. Yankees 13 Houston 0

Oakland 5 San Francisco 3

Pittsburgh 5 Baltimore 4 (10 ings)

Texas 8 N.Y. Mets 7 (1in 1)

Washington 6 Seattle 2

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#### EURO 2008

##### GROUP A

W L T GF GA PT

X-Portugal 2 1 0 5 3 6

X-Turkey 2 1 0 5 5 6

Switzerland 1 2 0 3 3 3

Czech Rep. 1 2 0 4 6 3

##### GROUP B

W L T GF GA PT

X-Croatia 1 0 0 3 1 6

Germany 1 0 1 2 2 3

Austria 0 1 1 1 2 1

Poland 0 1 1 1 3 1

##### GROUP C

W L T GF GA PT

X-Netherlands 2 0 0 7 1 6

Romania 0 0 2 1 1 2

France 0 1 1 1 4 1

Italy 0 1 1 1 4 1

X-Spain 2 0 0 6 2 6

Sweden 1 1 0 2 4 3

Russia 1 1 0 2 4 3

Greece 0 2 0 0 3 0

X - clinched quarter-final spot

##### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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Poland vs. Croatia, 3:45

Austria vs. Germany, 3:45

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# The comeback kids

Turkey battles from two goals down to advance

## EURO 2008

Turkey pulled off an extraordinary comeback to book a place in the Euro 2008 quarter-finals with a 3-2 win over the Czech Republic yesterday after trailing by two goals with 15 minutes to go.

UEFA president Michel Platini had used an interview earlier yesterday to extol a "sizzling" tournament that had upset established hierarchies in thrilling style, but even he could not have foreseen the amazing climax in Geneva.

Turkey's reward for victory is a last-eight clash with Group B winners Croatia in Vienna on Friday.

The Turks' dramatic Group A win, however, sparked trouble in a Zurich public viewing area.

Around 80 police wearing riot gear moved in to restore order after fighting broke out late in the game and

two plasma screens showing the game were smashed, witnesses said.

Fans problems have been rare so far at the tournament being staged jointly by Switzerland and Austria.

The night also featured the farewell of co-hosts Switzerland to the tournament with a 2-0 win over Portugal, who had already sealed their place as Group A winners. It was the final match of the Swiss coach Koebi Kuhn who is retiring.

The Czechs had looked destined for the last eight after moving into a 2-0 lead with a Jan Koller header and Jaroslav Plasil's neatly taken second before Arda Turan gave Turkey what appeared to be a slim lifeline in the 75th minute.

Petr Cech inexplicably dropped the ball at the feet of Nihat Kahveci to present the forward with a simple equalizer three minutes from time and two minutes later Nihat blasted home the winner for Turkey.

*«I'm so sorry. We should have won this match.»*

Czech captain Tomas Ujfaluši

Turkey keeper Volkan Demirel was then sent off in stoppage time for a shove with the ball out of play, but the Czechs did not have time to mount a comeback.

"I'm so sorry," said Czech Republic captain Tomas Ujfaluši. "We should have won this match."

While the Swiss were saying goodbye with their 2-0 win over Portugal — sealed with two Hakan Yakin goals, the second a penalty — fellow co-hosts Austria were talking up their chances of eliminating old rivals Germany.

"When people first started talking about this tournament there were a lot of jokes about us," team manager Andreas Herzog said ahead today's Group B game, which Austria must win if they hope to go through.

"Now it is all the more satisfying to show we have a real chance of advancing, and doing so against our arch-rivals."

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Nihat Kahveci (bottom) of Turkey is congratulated by teammates after scoring the eventual winning goal against the Czech Republic yesterday at Euro 2008 in Geneva.

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## Lilly returns to haunt Jays

Pitcher helps Cubs take 2 of 3 in T.O.

### CUBS 7 BLUE JAYS 4

Ted Lilly silenced Toronto's bats over six shutout innings, as the Chicago Cubs clinched a series win over the Blue Jays, 7-4, in the finale of a three-game Interleague series yesterday.

Lilly, a former Blue Jay, allowed only one hit, while fanning six and walking five, including three in a rocky third inning, but the left-hander settled down to earn his second straight victory.

"He had a really good fastball, used his change up, and mixed in a few curveballs and



Toronto Blue Jays starting pitcher Jessie Litsch gave up five runs on eight hits and took the loss against the Chicago Cubs yesterday.

sliders," Cubs manager Lou Piniella said of Lilly. "It was a really good performance."

Derek Lee had two hits and three runs batted in and Aramis Ramirez hit a two-

run homer. Jim Edmonds and Kosuke Fukudome each added RBI singles for Chicago, which has won six of its last seven.

Jesse Litsch was touched for five runs on eight hits over 6 1/3 innings as the starter. The right-hander is now winless in his last three starts.

Greg Zaun smacked a two-run homer while Alex Rios and Vernon Wells each added a sac fly for Toronto, which has dropped three of its last four.

"Bottom line is we're not playing good enough to win," Jays manager John Gibbons said. "We seriously got out-pitched and outhit. They have a good ball club, that's why they're sitting where they are at."

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## In Brief

» **MLB** New York Yankees right-hander Chien-Ming Wang left yesterday's 13-0 victory over the Houston Astros after suffering a right foot injury running the bases during his club's eight-run sixth inning. The status for Wang, who gave up six hits in five innings and fanned three batters, is expected to be revealed today.

» **MLB** Josh Beckett combined with two other pitchers in a six-hit shutout as the Boston Red Sox took the rubber game of a three-game set against the Cincinnati Reds with a 9-0 win yesterday. Beckett (7-4) gave up six hits and two walks with six strikeouts to improve to 9-1 in his last 10 Interleague starts.

» **SOCER** Canada's men's national team earned a 3-0 win over Saint Vincent & the Grenadines yesterday in its opening game of the home-and-away series in qualifying for the 2010 World Cup. Ali Gerba scored a pair and Issey Nakajima-Farran added the single.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

# City makes smooth transition

Winning continues under new coach

**HALIFAX CITY 3 SCOTIA 0**

By MATTHEW WUEST  
Metro Halifax

The face behind Halifax City Coldwell Banker has changed, but the powerhouse soccer club remains virtually the same.

The defending provincial champs are under new guidance this season after Darrell Cormier stepped in as head coach, filling the void left when longtime bench-boss Jack Hutchison signed on with Halifax Dunbrack's women's team.

City is off to a 3-1 start after whitewashing Scotia 3-0 last night at Weir Field on the strength of a shutout from keeper Graham Little and a hat trick from striker Kristin Kirincich.

"It's a smooth transition," said Kirincich, who scored 15 minutes in, then added a pair of second-half tallies.

"We're playing the same style we're accustomed to playing. It's the same core group of guys. I think we'll pretty much be what you've been seeing over the past few years."

City has been the best team in the province in recent years, winning four out of the past five titles.

There has been very little turnover among City's key players. It starts with high-scoring strikers Kirincich and Mat Budreski, but runs through the roster with veterans Mark Sweetapple, Jamie Sawler, Ralph Levangie and Wayne Francis.

"We're a veteran team — we have a lot of guys who have been with the group for five or six years," said Sweetapple, who is 6-foot-7 and as vocal as a coach when on the field. "It's pretty strong team spirit, which is always good."

Cormier also brings continuity, as he is a former assistant with City and has coached in its youth system.

He has also coached many of City's players with the Dal-



Halifax City's Carl Ensminger, left, trips up Scotia midfielder Deni Jokic during the first half of last night's game at Weir Field in Upper Sackville.

housie Tigers.

City, which is known for its ability to score goals, is hoping for a second straight title under Cormier's guidance.

Kirincich and Budreski are as good as any striker in the league, and better than most," the 34-year-old Sweetapple said. "We feel they can score,

and if we play good defence and work hard as a team, good things are going to happen."

—matthew.wuest@metronews.ca

## » sports In Brief

» **BOXING** Jason Naugler (18-8, 1, 11 knockouts) lost a unanimous decision to Jesse Brinkley (31-5, 21 knockouts) for the WBC-affiliated United States National Boxing Championship super middleweight belt before a crowd of 1,900 on Friday in Reno, Nev. The Hebbville, Lunenburg Co., native hit the canvas for the first time in his career in the defeat.

» **CANOE-KAYAK** Dartmouth's Andrew Russell won a bronze medal at a World Cup sprint canoe-kayak event in Duisburg, Germany, on Friday. Russell placed third in the C2 1,000 metres with partner Gabriel Beauchesne-Sevigny of Trois-Rivières, Que., two seconds behind the winners.

» **HOCKEY** One-time Halifax Mooseheads forward Justin Bowers is leaving the St. Thomas Tommies after two seasons to play in the East Coast Hockey League. The Fredericton Daily Gleaner reports the second-team all-star has signed with the Florida Everblades, who are coached by Cole Harbour's Malcolm Cameron.

» **ATHLETICS** Caledonia's Jenna Martin just missed a spot in the women's 400-metre final at the NCAA track and field championships in Des Moines, Iowa, on the weekend. The Kentucky Wildcats sophomore placed sixth in her heat and 16th nationally in the semifinals in 53.25 seconds. METRO HALIFAX

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## Fired employee ordered back

More workplaces will use concept of 'working notice'

**W**e have decided to fire you. Now go back to your desk and finish your work!

After a bitterly fought election of a new union executive whose candidacy he had opposed, Teamsters business agent Donald Evans saw the writing on the wall. When the new union president took over, Evans and five other employees lost their jobs.

After 23 years with the Teamsters, 58-year-old Evans thought he deserved better; he wanted a severance package that would see him retire. Evans suggested that he would work for another 12 months and that he be paid for 12 more. The Teamsters disagreed. Five months after Evans left, they sent him a letter telling him that if he refused to come back to his job, they would treat his absence as misconduct and pay him no more. Rather than return, Evans sued.

At trial, the judge considered whether Evans was obliged to return to the very workplace that had fired him. Agreeing with Evans that to expect him to return to his old job would be unreasonable, the trial judge awarded him \$100,000 in severance, known as wrongful dismissal damages.

Appealing the ruling to the Supreme Court of Canada, the Teamsters argued that the law of mitigation permitted them to order Evans back to the workplace, even after he had already been fired. The legal duty to mitigate

provides that dismissed employees are required to take all reasonable steps to replace their jobs. Where an employer can establish that other, comparable, jobs were available, an employee who fails to apply for them, or turns one down, may risk not being entitled to further severance.

In this case, the Teamsters argued that Evans' failure to return to his job should have been viewed as a failure to mitigate. The Supreme Court

agreed. By offering Evans his old job back on the same terms as before, the Teamsters were able to show that a comparable job was open to an employee who declined it.

The ruling in this case will place many employees in "the twilight zone," somewhere between having been fired and expected to later return. Employees, and their lawyers, should carefully observe the following lessons:

» Where an employer offers its former employee a bona-fide chance to return to work, employees may be required to accept, unless they can objectively show that there is an atmosphere of hostility, embarrassment or humiliation in returning. Work with counsel to take steps to 'build' that argument.

» Employers will now, as a result of this case, more often elect to exercise their right to provide working notice of termination, requiring dismissed employees to remain at work while they look for another job.

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Research is key to job interview success: Expert

By JON TATTRIE  
for Metro Halifax

The key to a successful job interview is preparation.

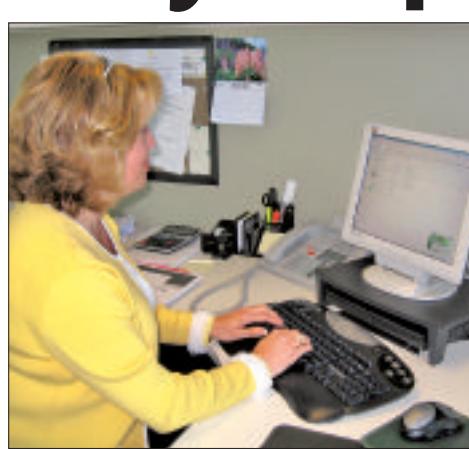
"The days of winging an interview are gone," says Genevieve Belben, lead consultant at DBM, the global outplacement, coaching, and career-management firm.

When you send off your résumé, sit down and research the company until you know it inside and out. While you should get ample notice for the interview, you might not, and you don't want to end up cramming.

When you're offered an interview, find out what kind it will be. You don't want to be expecting a one-on-one and find yourself before a firing squad of 12.

Going for a new job is like starting a relationship, and you can't let your enthusiasm for the position overwhelm your cool-headed judgment about the company.

"We think, 'Oh we're adaptable, we can change things when we get in there,'" ex-



### tips

Three keys to interviewing:

- » What you can do: Know your skills and how they meet the needs of the company.
- » What you will do: Be clear with yourself about what you want out of the job and what you can give.
- » Where you fit: Make sure the company fits for you, and you fit the company.

five or ten thousand dollars, depending on the job level.

Now, turn the tables; it's your turn to interview the company.

Belben says a good question to ask the interviewer is: "What are you looking for in an ideal candidate?" They might bring up things not mentioned in the job description and you can tap into that.

When the interview is over, restate your desire for the job. You can boldly ask "When do I start?" or go for a humbler "I hope you seriously consider me for the position."

Then, follow your mother's advice, say thank you. E-mail is easily deleted, so mail a personalized card. It might just end up on their desk, a daily reminder of your application.

## Fathers long for quality time

Many dads fear work is causing them to miss out

By RAFAEL BRUSILOW  
for Metro Halifax

Many working dads talk about wanting to spend more time with their families, but how many actually trade in work hours for some quality time?

Findings from a recent Workopolis Dads in the Workplace Poll show that at least one-in-five fathers fear time away from home is making them miss out on some of their families' biggest mo-

ments.

On the other hand, 40 per cent of the dads surveyed also report being able to manage all home duties adequately compared to only 5 per cent of moms, suggesting that while many working dads

not only forget to be home — they per-



haps forgot to help out at home too.

"I think perhaps fathers do delude themselves into thinking there isn't as much to do at home, and I suspect it's an issue that sweeps across income areas," said Patrick Sullivan, president of the popular online job portal Workopolis that released the study. Sullivan, himself a father of two, suggests working dads sometimes forget how important time with the family is and neglect to make room for it.

"We all tend to spend more time working than we do with our families. You need to take that time for your family — it's important," he said.

Many working dads feel they're missing out on their kids' childhood due to work, a new study indicates.

### fatherly advice

- » "When I was a teen, my dad kept saying to me, 'Don't take things for granted!' At the time I had no idea what that meant, but 12 years into my career as an actor/comedian, I find myself saying it all the time."

SHAWN MAJUMDER, COMEDIAN

- » "My father told me that the difficulty in business is never the choice between good and bad — any idiot can figure that out. The difficulty is the choice between good and good. The secret to real success in business and in life is taking the time to make the best choice."

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# entertainment



Eminem, left, has revealed he's back in the studio again and working on his first album in almost three years.

BBC NEWS ONLINE

## »news In Brief

» **MUSIC** Juno-nominated band State of Shock is returning to Halifax this summer. The band will headline The Marquee Club on June 26. Tickets are \$16.50 in advance and \$20 at the door. Call 1-888-311-9090 or visit [ticketpro.ca](http://ticketpro.ca).

» **MUSIC** Rock duo The Black Keys have been added to the lineup of the Summersonic concert on the Garrison Grounds July 19 and 20. The band is touring in support of its latest album, *Attack And Release*, which was produced by Grammy-nominee Danger Mouse. Tickets for the concert go on sale June 21. They are \$39.50 per day, and \$69.50 for a two day pass. Call 1-888-311-9090 or visit [ticketpro.ca](http://ticketpro.ca).

» **ART** The Art Gallery of Nova Scotia is unveiling an important historical print of Annapolis Royal tomorrow. The work was purchased with a donation given to the gallery by its honorary governor, Farhad Valdi, and by Guenter Thiel. The painting is attributed to Samuel Scott, who worked in the 1700s, and features a British vessel anchored in the community.

» **MUSIC** Punk band Strike Anywhere performs at Hell's Kitchen Wednesday. The Virginia group will be joined by The Flatliners and Hostage Life. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Call 1-888-311-9090 or visit [ticketpro.ca](http://ticketpro.ca).

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# Night to remember

Hedley wins big at MuchMusic Video Awards

By BRIAN COULTON  
for Metro Halifax

Thousands of fans braved heavy rain to fill the streets surrounding the red carpet at the 2008 MuchMusic Video Awards in Toronto last night.

Maybe it was the presence of Umbrella songstress Rihanna or that of Rainn Wilson, a.k.a. The Office's Dwight Schrute, but the weather failed to deter musicians and celebrities from attending the annual music video awards show.

Hedley was the night's big victor, with a total of four wins. The B.C.-based quartet picked up trophies for Best Video and Best Director for *For The Nights I Can't Remember* and honours for Best Cinematography and MuchLOUD Best Rock Video for *She's So Sorry*.

FRED THORNHILL/REUTERS

Barbados-born R&B star Rihanna also fared well, taking home awards for Best International Video Artist for *Don't Stop The Music* and *MuchMusic.com* Most Watched Video for Umbrella. References to the coincidence of her hit single and the first-ever red carpet rain-out of the ceremony were nearly unavoidable.

Despite the poor weather, illScarlett illuminated the roof

of the MuchMusic headquarters. The reggae-ska-rock band performed outdoors against a light show spectacle atop the Toronto building.

But the most anticipated act of the night was New Kids On The Block. The reunited 1990s boy band made its first televised Canadian performance since reforming.

And while boy bands from illScarlett, Simple Plan, Hedley and New Kids were in full

force, girl power didn't fail to find its place at Much.

An appearance by former Sporty Spice Girl, British singer Melanie C, and a performance by the less dressed Pussycat Doll prodigy, Girlicious, represented the evolution of women in pop music over the past 10 years.

### more online

» For the full list of winners visit us at [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca).



Umbrella singer Rihanna performs at the MuchMusic Video Awards last night.

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# Curious art of the banana

Installation uses fruit to illustrate reverse ripening

By DEAN LISK  
Metro Halifax

It's not made of plaster or cast in metal. It's a real banana — potassium-rich, unpeeled, and ripening in the window of Gallery Page and Strange.

It's art, and it is the latest project by Halifax-based experimental artist Michael Fernandes.

"I started out with a really ripe banana, and I am going back to a really green banana," said Fernandes about his 21-day project, appropriately called Banana Installation.

Nearly every day until July 4, he will go into the gallery and replace the banana with one slightly fresher than the day before.

"I am doing it in a subtle



Gallery Page and Strange hosts Michael Fernandes' Banana Installation through July 4.

way, so that you may not even realize something is going on," adds Fernandes, who buys his fruit from local grocery stores. He eats the bananas afterward.

To help follow the reverse ripening process, Fernandes has an information card used to grade bananas. It describes everything from uniform green (unripened), to overall yellow (ideal colour for sale), and yellow with brown spots

(maximum nutrition).

"It's about the colour and representation, and when it is ready for wholesale and best for eating," he said, adding this idea of freshness reflects on how art can fall in and out of favour.

"I like that idea of freshness and I like that idea of cutting edge," he said. "It's about creating tension, creating challenge."

Placing the banana on the

window ledge also utilizes a space overlooked by most galleries, where only the walls and floors are used for paintings and sculptures.

Fernandes said sparking a conversation about art has been a recurring theme in his work. His past projects include Room of Fears at the Mount Saint Vincent University Art Gallery.

For that show, the gallery's walls were painted black, and fears — submitted by the public — written on them in white. Each fear started with the phrase "I am afraid of."

Fernandes said someone is interested in buying Banana Installation — the gallery tag lists a price of \$2,500.

Amanda Peet, right, has landed the female lead in director Roland Emmerich's epic disaster feature 2012. The movie revolves around a global cataclysm and the heroic struggle of the survivors. Other cast members include John Cusack, Thandie Newton and Danny Glover.

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# Use wall colour to balance emotions

**D**id you know that paint choices can have a serious impact on mood? Well, if colour psychologists are to be believed, choosing the right tone will help you balance emotions and lead a fuller life. Here's the inside scoop on how to choose a palette that's right for you...

**BLUE:** Blue aids relaxation and promotes a calm spiritual feel. Use in bedrooms to soothe, in kids' rooms to focus the mind and in bathrooms to promote a feeling of healthy well being. Also considered an appetite suppressant (we kid you not!) maybe it'd could be the perfect choice in the kitchen if you're counting calories!

**RED:** If a rise in sexual response is what you're after

then make red your colour of choice. But be careful — you'll find a little goes a long way. Use as an 'accent' rather than your dominant colour. Deep reds promote appetite and conversation, making them great for dining rooms, whereas orange-red and brown-red shades (like terracotta and brick) are cosy, warm and stimulating.

**YELLOW:** The colour of sun, yellow will make you happy and has been shown to increase metabolism. However, it's also been noted that people lose their tempers and babies cry more often in yellow rooms. So perhaps not ideal (in brighter tones anyway) in a nursery! Great for kitchens and bathrooms, especially teamed with white.



## COLIN & JUSTIN'S INTERIOR DIVINE

**GREEN:** The colour of the forest, green calms and relaxes and has a healing effect. What's more, it's said to relieve depression and anxiety. But remember: don't use too dark a tone otherwise your home will end up feeling like the local library. Sage, olive and lime are currently very popular and even pastels are making a comeback.

**PURPLE:** Signifying opulence and spirituality, purple is seriously hedonistic.

From sexy aubergine to soft lavender and from mauve to sophisticated lilac there's a tone for everyone. Team with white, grey and silver, add a feature wall of dramatic lavender wallpaper or dot your home with deep purple cushions and throws as an introduction to this thoroughly regal tone.

**GREYS/BLACK:** Storm clouds and rainy days — the perfect choice for grumpy teenagers? Or a mood board inspired by city suits, military precision and the little black dress? WE LOVE this palette and find it timeless, elegant, and sophisticated. But better still — monochrome is reckoned to increase productivity in the home office. Count us in for the 'executive lounge'!

**PINK:** Pink used to be con-



Wall colours are said to affect your mood. For instance, purple, seen above, signifies opulence and spirituality.

sidered girly but, thanks to the bright shirts of smart businessmen (at least those with a sense of fun) it's now also adored by blokes. Colour scientists often advocate pink for use in prisons (to subdue aggressive behaviour) so it's sure to bring harmony to your home. But go easy...or run the risk of

turning your home into a Dolly Parton-inspired marshmallow nightmare.

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Colin & Justin's The Home Show, Tuesdays at 11 p.m. and Saturdays at 4 p.m. ET on HGTV. [www.hgtv.ca](http://www.hgtv.ca)

## television

### Jon Voight to play villain on 24

**CASTING** In his first series role in 40 years, Jon Voight has signed on as a recurring character on the upcoming seventh season of 24.

On the Emmy-winning Fox drama, Voight will play the uber-nemesis of Jack Bauer (Kiefer Sutherland), who is pulling the strings behind next season's terrorist threat.

The character will be introduced during 24's two-hour Season 7 prequel and will be featured heavily in the latter half of the season.

The prequel, now shooting on location in South Africa, is slated to air Nov. 23, with Season 7 of the series kicking off in January.

Voight did several TV guest spots early in his career — including a three-episode stint on Gunsmoke in the late '60s.

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### Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

Edward Albee's starling Broadway play about the cocktail party from hell reaches the movie screen with most of its corrosive power intact, as a frustrated academician's wife and her ineffectual husband subject a younger college professor and his wife — as well as each other — to scathing, alcohol-fueled mind games during a late-night gathering. Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton, Sandy Dennis and George Segal star. 12:30 PM on PIX

### Aboard the Pater Noster

All aboard! If life is complicated, dance it out. In this performance piece, several characters going through crises express their lives through dance. Under the direction of Daniel Conrad and using the choreography of Aszure Barton, performers Tara Dubberg, Ian Robinson, Banning Roberts, Petr Opavsky and William Briscoe bring sense to the madness. 10 PM on BRAVO

### Psychic Kids: Children of the Paranormal

Even if you don't believe in psychic phenomena, this series may give you a shiver or two. It follows medium Chip Coffey and Columbia University professor Lisa Miller as they work with youngsters who see and hear things most of us don't. In the season premiere, we meet 8-year-old Faith, who sees the spirit of a boy named Freddy and is afraid to talk about it. 11 PM on A&E

### Canada's Worst Handyman

Inept handymen high on carpet glue fumes. Hmm. This new episode challenges the clueless ones to lay down flooring in their assigned B&B rooms. They're also told to install peepholes and doorknobs. Easy, right? Apparently, not so much. 11 PM on DISCOVERY

## more online

» For today's Idiot Box column by Rick McGinnis, and for the latest news, sports and entertainment, go to metronews.ca.

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# celebritybuzz



## Together again

**A**ccording to Tommy Lee, he and ex Pamela Anderson are giving it another go. "Pamela and the kids have moved in with me," he told Rolling Stone. "We've only given it a try 800 times – 801, here we go."

And how do their two sons, Brandon and Dylan, feel about having mom and dad back together? "You can tell on the kids' faces – they're happy when we're together."

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### Bulletproof Cruise-ing



Tom Cruise's most important mission is keeping his family safe. According to [intouchweekly.com](#), the 45-year-old superstar has a fleet of expensive cars and all of them are equipped with bulletproof windows. "It sounds like he's taken a page out of one of his action

movies," explains an insider. "Tom's vehicles look perfectly normal, but in reality they are more like armored trucks." All of Tom's chauffeurs are professionally trained drivers, says the insider, so they can get him out of traffic problems and protect him from possible trouble. Still, he often prefers to drive his wife, Katie Holmes, and his three children himself. "Tom is a car nut," the insider adds.

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### Rep denies Connery is in hospital

A representative for former James Bond star Sir Sean Connery has denied the actor is in hospital nursing a fractured ankle – revealing the star is only suffering from a minor shoulder injury.

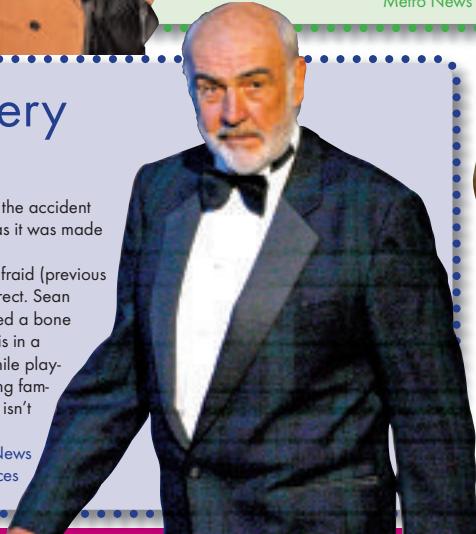
The 77-year-old reportedly fell and injured himself during a game of golf in Mount Kisco, New York on Friday and was subsequently admitted to Northern Westchester Hospital for treatment.

But Connery's spokeswoman

Nancy Seltzer says the accident was not as serious as it was made out to be.

She said: "I'm afraid (previous reports are) not correct. Sean Connery has chipped a bone in his shoulder and is in a sling. He tripped while playing golf and is visiting family in New York. He isn't in hospital."

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### The Keys to motherhood?

Alicia Keys wants to adopt. According to [femalefirst.co.uk](#), the singer admires Angelina Jolie for adopting son Maddox from Cambodia, Zahara from Ethiopia and Pax from Vietnam and is considering following in her footsteps.

Keys, 27, said: "I think adoption is important to consider. That is what I really admire about Angelina Jolie. I think it's beautiful the way she embraces the children of the world.

"We are all one. We're not as separate as we sometimes think. So I possibly would adopt, when I'm more in the motherhood stage of my life."

Alicia also says she has always loved spending time with children and believes it is important to encourage their ideas and creative sides.

She added: "I've always loved kids.

Kids are so important. It's important to nurture and spend time with them and listen to them."

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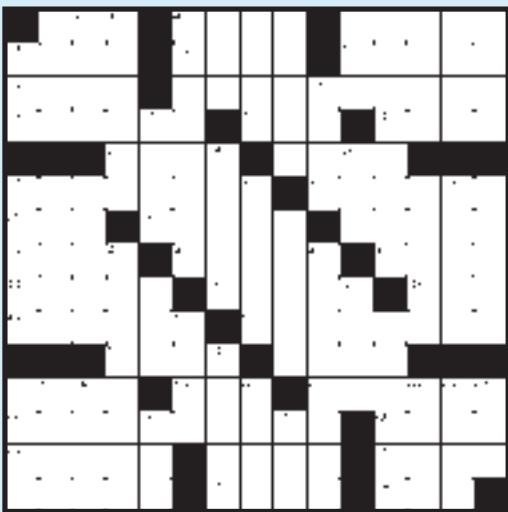
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**down »**

1 Skirmish  
2 Annoy  
3 Cheerful color  
4 Thawed  
5 Emma in "The Avengers"  
6 Cut into cubes  
7 Fiery horse  
8 — Magnon man  
9 Unsophisticates  
10 Whirlpool  
11 Altitude unit  
12 Ripped  
13 Wool supplier  
18 Story line  
20 Lamb's pen name  
24 Grimm heavies  
26 El Dorado loot  
27 Bunkhouse site  
28 Drive out  
29 Wallpaper, etc.  
30 Utters softly

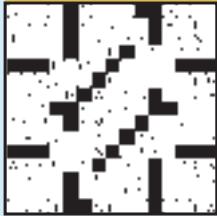
32 Not with-it  
33 Hippie greeting  
34 Bordered  
37 Astronaut's base  
40 Protected from floods  
42 Conjectured  
45 Overly glib  
47 Liverpool polky  
50 Timber wolf  
52 Sham  
54 Bea Arthur sitcom  
56 Gullet  
57 Theater box  
58 Real estate unit  
60 Comfy  
62 Mutant heroes of comics (hyph.)  
63 Fencer's weapon  
64 Former JFK arrival  
66 Attention getter  
67 Molecular biology topic

**across »**

1 Cook bacon  
4 Soap bubbles  
8 Chin feature  
13 Ontario neighbor  
14 Skip past  
15 Wild West show  
16 Room divider  
17 Cosmetic buy (2 wds.)  
19 Grommet  
21 Moray  
22 Eight bits  
23 Ersatz butter  
25 Kind of prize

27 Detroit team (2 wds.)  
31 Road company  
35 Guitar, slangily  
36 Eagle's nest  
38 — up (confessed)  
39 Delightful  
41 Ballerina painter  
43 Catch a fly ball  
44 Walk heavily  
46 Express uncertainty  
48 Hotel freebie  
49 Kind of tea  
51 Stone-broke

53 Lepton locale  
55 Med. plans  
56 Plaid wearers  
59 — relief  
61 Holly trees  
65 Geology buffs  
68 Game officials  
69 Concur  
70 View from an oasis  
71 Bug repellent  
72 Full of dandelions  
73 Hoople expletive  
74 Half a pair

**previous answer****STICKELERS**

—Terry Stickell

What's the missing number?

382	13	661
429	15	780
551	11	821
158	14	716
933	2	258

Friday's answer

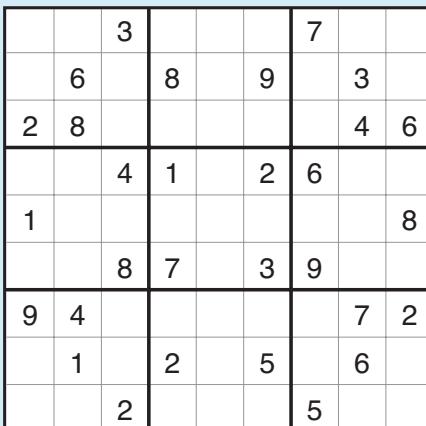
This answer is 1,326.  
A 3 digit sequence will reveal that 1,326  
are positions of four numbers from two numbers  
in the position's numbers 2 - will give you the  
value for the positions - Value or the 2 -  
1,317, 1,318, 1,319, 1,320, - from 1,320,

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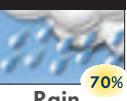
The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

**solve time »**

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

**previous answer**

9	8	4	2	3	5	1	6	7
7	2	3	6	1	9	5	8	4
1	6	5	7	4	8	2	9	3
6	7	2	3	9	4	8	5	1
8	3	9	1	5	7	6	4	2
4	5	1	8	6	2	7	3	9
2	4	7	5	8	3	9	1	6
5	9	6	4	2	1	3	7	8
3	1	8	9	7	6	4	2	5

**Halifax weather****Afternoon**Partly  
cloudy.  
21°**Tonight**Variable.  
10°**Tuesday**Rain.  
17° / 11°**Wednesday**Rain.  
16° / 10°The Weather Network  
[theweathernetwork.com](http://theweathernetwork.com)Temperature  
Normals  
High: 19.2°  
Low: 9.6°Records  
High: 30.4°/1979  
Low: 5.6°/1964Sunrise: 5:28 a.m.  
Sunset: 9:01 p.m.  
Moonset: 3:24 a.m.  
Moonrise: 7:45 p.m.

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Go to the Golf Report at [theweathernetwork.com](http://theweathernetwork.com)**HOROSCOPE****ARIES** | March 21-April 20

Be responsible when more work comes in. An intruder's disgraceful conduct is embarrassing. Corniness shows an emotional bond.

**TAURUS** | April 21-May 21

A love affair moves onto daring ground. Take advantage of available low rates. Compromising with a vendor can't succeed.

**GEMINI** | May 22-June 21

Give back that which doesn't belong to you. You can calm a situation by asking for help. A reluctance to commit is very evident.

**CANCER** | June 22-July 22

Wait for a loved one to make the first move. Fatigue puts evening plans on the skids. Have patience with newlyweds.

**LEO** | July 23-Aug. 23

Matters will come to a head in a drama. Apologize for taking someone for granted. Be gracious when you're complimented.

**VIRGO** | Aug. 24-Sept. 22

A woman is making mountains out of molehills. You'll sleep better with a clear conscience. Luxuries will have more appeal.

**LIBRA** | Sep. 23-Oct. 23

Make your wishes known to all. There is a powerful person behind the scenes. Those who know your work will offer compliments.

**SCORPIO** | Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Domestic battles result in power struggles. You are the focus of every encounter. A romantic life is confounded by sentimentality.

**SAGITTARIUS** | Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Everything you need will be available. A bully takes a welcome break. A stress related headache will fade away.

**CAPRICORN** | Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Nervousness is expressed by a powerful man. Objectivity develops after an intense debate. Don't disappoint anyone with bad behaviour.

**AQUARIUS** | Jan. 21-Feb. 18

A despondent person admires your nerve. Your enthusiasm will conquer all resistance. A phony braggart should be avoided.

**PISCES** | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Tactless comments will work to your advantage. Delay things if you're reluctant to make promises.

AVATAR VENUS

**This Day IN HISTORY****June 16, 1586:** Mary Queen of Scots recognizes Philip II of Spain as her heir.

prime minister.

**June 16, 1903:** Ford Motor Company incorporates.**June 16, 1858:** Abraham Lincoln's House Divided speech in Springfield, Illinois.**June 16, 1972:** Largest single-site hydro-electric power project in Canada starts at Churchill Falls, Labrador.

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